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SUBJECT: POLISH FOREIGN MINISTER TO ATTEND MAY 3 ICI MEETING

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¶1. (SBU) Foreign Minister Fotyga informed visiting Secretary of Defense Gates April 25 that she will attend the

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May 3 ICI meeting. She also said that she was endeavoring to do what she could on Iraq debt, but repeated several times that debt forgiveness would be very difficult given Poland's EU-imposed budget deficit restrictions and the political difficulty raised by having to explain the situation to the public. This view was also expressed recently in DCM's separate meeting with Ministry of Finance Under Secretary Katarzyna Zajdel-Kurowska.

¶2. (SBU) Comment: Given Poland's military commitment to Iraq, we do not expect any further announcements on its part at the ICI. However, the Ministry of Finance and Ministry of Foreign Affairs continue to look at the issue.
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